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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed January 31, 2005, and pursuant to 37  
C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

An **Attachment** to this paper includes a machine language translation of  
Japanese Patent Application Publication No. H06-343599 to Mitsuru ("Mitsuru")  
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